

Sec. 15. Four of said judges shall constitute a quorum; no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three.

Sections 16 and 17 are not of general interest.

Sec. 18. The State shall be divided into eight judicial circuits, in manner following, viz: The counties of Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester and Caroline shall constitute the first circuit; the counties of Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil the second; the counties of Baltimore and Harford the third; the counties of Allegany and Washington the fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel the fifth; the counties of Montgomery and Frederick the sixth; the counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's the seventh and Baltimore city the eighth.

Sec. 19. A court shall be held in each county of the State, to be styled the Circuit Court for the county in which it may be held. The said Circuit Courts shall have and exercise in the respective counties all the power, authority and jurisdiction, original and appellate, which the present Circuit Courts of this State now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 20. For each of the said circuits (excepting the eighth) there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court; and no two of said associate judges shall, at the time of their election or appointment, or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, reside in the same county. The said judges shall hold a term of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits at such time or times as now are or may hereafter be fixed by law, such terms not to be less than two in each year. One judge in each of the above circuits shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; and the said judges, or any of them, may hold special terms of their courts whenever, in their discretion, the business of the several counties renders such terms necessary.

Sec. 21. The judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State, and of the courts of Baltimore city, shall render their decisions in all cases argued before them, or